

HOUSE BILL 3928
By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, Part 2 and Section 67-4-2009, relative
to volunteer literacy grant program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-1-2__.

(a)

(1) The department of education shall develop a volunteer literacy
grant program and shall determine the process for application, eligibility,
and award of the grants.

(2) Applications shall be available to any volunteer literacy
organization, including:

(A) Private literacy councils;

(B) Volunteer programs at public libraries;

(C) Free private after-school programs; and

(D) Research programs.

(3) All applications shall require the following:

(A) A profile of the organization, including the
organization's history and current staff;

(B) Funding sources;

(C) Demographics of the population the organization
serves; and

(D) A statement outlining the organization's need and use for the grant.

(4) "Volunteer literacy organization," as used in this section, means any private volunteer organization that attempts to aid those in need of help by providing free, confidential or public, tutoring or classes aimed towards achieving the goal of literacy.

(b) The department of education, in cooperation and consultation with the department of revenue, shall develop the process for an annual evaluation of the grants and the rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(c) The grants shall be funded from private donations in accordance with the provisions of §67-4-2009.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-2009, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(___) There shall be allowed as a credit against the sum total of the taxes imposed by the franchise tax law, compiled in this part, the aggregate amount plus five percent (5%) of any donation made to a volunteer literacy organization. "Volunteer literacy organization," as used in this subdivision, means any private volunteer organization that attempts to aid those in need of help by providing free, confidential or public, tutoring or classes aimed towards achieving the goal of literacy.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.